

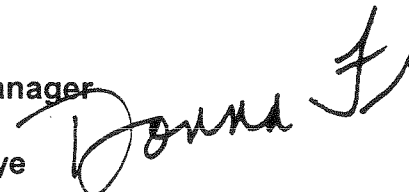
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COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE
City of San Diego, Sixth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 2001
TO: Michael Uberuaga, City Manager
FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye
SUBJECT: Plastic Anti-Drag Racing Strips on Morena Boulevard

A handwritten signature of Donna Frye is written over the "TO:" and "FROM:" lines of the memorandum.

I am asking that plastic anti-drag racing strips be replaced on Morena Boulevard in the vicinity of the Costco Store while the Transportation Department searches for a more permanent solution to the drag racing at that location.

In early 2000, the Transportation Department installed plastic strips on Morena Boulevard reducing the traction drag racers needed, and thus drag racing itself. The residents in the area were happy with the results. By August 2001, most of the strips had either been removed or worn away.

On August 23, 2001 I filed route slip number 06-08010 requesting that the plastic strips be reinstalled on Morena Boulevard. The Police Department responded favorably, encouraging the reinstallation of the plastic strips. The Transportation Department responded that the strips had come up over time causing damage to cars, though the Department could not find a record of car damage claims. The Transportation Department also responded that the plastic strips had not served their purpose long-term, and a more permanent solution needed to be found.

Nearly four months have passed since the search began for a more permanent solution to the drag racing on Morena Boulevard. I am requesting that the plastic strips be reinstalled while the search for a more permanent solution continues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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cc: Cruz Gonzalez
Mario Sierra
David Bejarano
Cliff Resch

ROUTE SLIP RESPONSE

SUBJECT: Replace special anti-drag racing strips on Morena Blvd.

ROUTE SLIP NUMBER: 06-0801-022

Greg Carlson is concerned about the return of drag racing activity on Morena Blvd. Traffic Engineering designed a process where plastic strips were placed across Morena Blvd and bonded to the street surface using adhesives. The strips were effective in eliminating drag racing in this area. Within the past year, the adhesives securing the plastic strips failed, thus the strips were no longer in place across Morena Blvd.

Both SDPD Northern Division and Traffic Division have been advised of the return of drag racing. Officers will monitor the area and increase enforcement efforts.

A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the effectiveness of the plastic strips. Included at the meeting will be representatives from Councilmember Fyre's office, Transportation Department, and the Police Department.

A representative from the Police Department stopped by Greg Carlson's house, several times, to discuss this matter with him. No phone number was listed for Mr. Carlson.

DAVID BEJARANO
Chief of Police

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By: Guy Swanger
Acting Captain, Northern Division